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Dear Mr. Chairman:

At our hearing before your Subcommittee on 23 June 1955, in support of an appropriation for the construction of the CIA Headquarters installation authorized by Title 5 of H.R. 6829, we submitted proposed appropriations language which would authorize the financing of this ^{construction} project by the Central Intelligence Agency through the use of unobligated balances of appropriations made available to ~~us~~ ^{the agency} for Fiscal Years 1953 and 1954. There are sufficient unobligated balances available to finance this ^{construction} project, which balances will otherwise lapse and be covered into the Treasury. However, you requested that we furnish a statement as to the amount of funds which we would expect to obligate during Fiscal Year 1956, in the event ~~that~~ the Committee decided to make a new appropriation in lieu of the method of financing which we suggested ^{from prior year funds}.

If the Congress approves of this construction, we hope to expedite it in every possible way. Therefore, if the Langley site, which we discussed, should be selected, it is estimated ~~in~~ ^{that} we would ~~have~~ ^{not} require for early obligation the following amount:

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If the Langley site is not selected, we would need an estimated \$1,000,000 to acquire a site elsewhere. However, in this event no funds would be needed for the extension of the George Washington Memorial Parkway and, hence, \$7,000,000 would be adequate in either case. We would appreciate having the appropriations language sufficiently broad to cover either contingency.

We ~~would~~^{expect} hope to complete our drawings and specifications and to award a contract within about nine months if the Congress gives its approval. If the Congress chose to authorize a new appropriation and to appropriate only those funds which we expected to obligate during Fiscal Year 1956, it would be necessary for ~~us~~^{The Agency} to request a supplemental appropriation ^{early} /next year, since we could not award a contract until ~~such~~ additional funds were appropriated.

I sincerely hope that your Committee ^{will} can give this ^{matter} request favorable consideration.